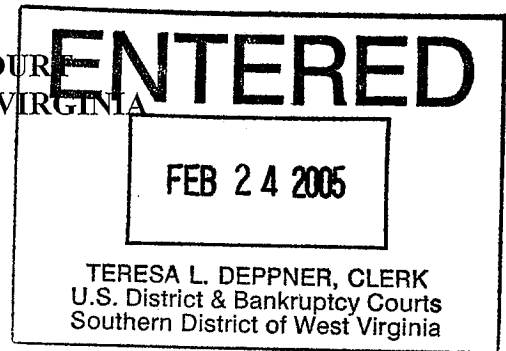


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: SERZONE  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION



MDL NO. 1477

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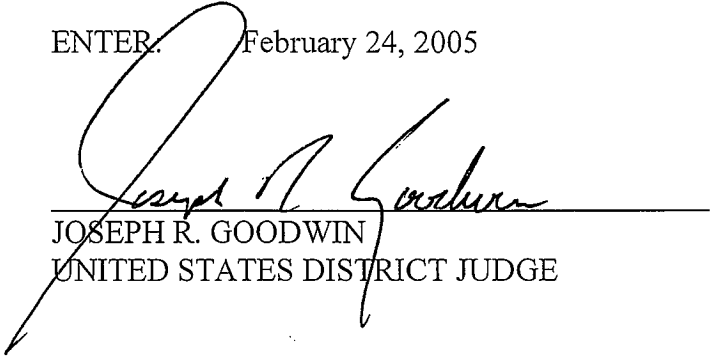
On February 15, 2005, the court granted the parties' Joint Motion for Approval of Third Amended Settlement Agreement, allowing the creation of a Qualified Settlement Fund appropriate for the investment and management of the settlement funds to be paid in accordance with the Settlement Agreement dated October 15, 2004. The court ordered that initial payments be deposited into the fund on or before February 16, 2005. Nevertheless, the billing and payment mechanism for Claims Administrator fees and expenses appears to remain unresolved.

The court now **ORDERS** the parties to appear by counsel for a status conference in this matter for **March 2, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.** The court **DIRECTS** counsel to provide the court with an agreed procedure to effectuate prompt payment of fees and expenses owed to the Claims Administrator, including time limits for objections and submission to the court if objections are unresolved. The court further **DIRECTS** counsel to be prepared to discuss the current contents and progress of the claims manual.

If counsel are able to resolve issues regarding the current fees and expenses submitted by the Claims Administrator, the court will consider allowing counsel to address the remaining directives in a written report in lieu of attendance at the status conference.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel, Defendant's Liaison Counsel, and Claims Administrator.

ENTER. February 24, 2005



JOSEPH R. GOODWIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE